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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 28 October 1985

1. (Lowcock) London Bureau Deputy Chief [] called today to ask about Gulf Bureau Arabic/Kurdish monitor [] Gulf Bureau has proposed to London Bureau that [] be transferred to PMU or be picked up by the BBC since he is planning to leave Bahrain in January 1986 at the conclusion of his first two-year travel agreement with Gulf Bureau. The reason for his decision is his English wife is very unhappy in Bahrain and unwilling to stay there. Joan doubted BBC would be interested in [] since they are looking for linguists adept in Mahgreb Arabic and not particularly interested in his Kurdish abilities. According to Joan, Gulf had said [] was a "good, hard-working monitor." I said from my experience this was a bit of an exaggeration and this was corroborated by [], who had served as acting chief, Gulf Bureau for most of the summer. Joan is going to check back with Chief/Gulf Bureau to get more input on [] and will also be giving serious consideration to a number of other candidates London/PMU has on file to replace [] and fill the recently authorized third Arabic press monitor position. I also expressed doubt the [] who has a doctorate in mechanical engineering, would be a good long-term career prospect for PMU as he would be there on local-hire status and without the privileges he is currently enjoying in Bahrain. It is my belief that [] is looking for interim work with PMU or the BBC to tide him over until he can find more profitable work elsewhere.

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(cc: C/London Bureau, C/Gulf Bureau)